



Guide to Grants for Source Reduction and Recycling Efforts

Who's Eligible to Receive Grants	Traditional Project Grants	School Project Grants	Model Project Grants	Regional Cooperative Project Grants	Public Education and Promotion (PEP)	Household Hazardous Waste Grants
<i>SWMDs</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Local Units Government</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓
<i>Non-profits</i>	✓		✓	✓		
<i>Schools</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Source Reduction and Recycling Grants

IDEM offers grants to help start or expand source reduction, recycling, education, and household hazardous waste programs. This guide provides an overview of the grant program with details of each grant category.

Traditional Projects: This grant category provides support for local implementation of recycling programs. Funding is available for startup expenses of recycling, composting, and source reduction programs as well as infrastructure development.

Examples include: curbside recycling, drop-off recycling, recycling processing, composting, yard waste collection, and pay-as-you-throw with recycling.

Traditional Grants are intended to create sustainable projects, with no state funding for ongoing program costs.

School Projects: This grant category provides funding for pre-school, K-12, and college/university level institutions to startup or expand recycling, source reduction, reuse, buy-recycled, and composting programs. Eligible expenses include the purchase of curricula, equipment, and educational promotion.

Grant applications must demonstrate strong commitment and support at the administrative level, as well as having a solid network of students, teachers, and staff members who will be able to keep the program running after implementation.

Model Projects: This grant category provides funding for innovative solid waste reduction solutions that may serve as "models" for implementation in other parts of the

state. Model grants should address significant solid waste management needs that have not been met within your region. Grant funds are available for studies, reports, pilot projects, and experimental project implementation.

Regional Cooperative Projects: This grant category supports cooperative ventures among multiple partners. Support is offered for team oriented solid waste reduction efforts that realize the value of economies of scale, peer networking, leveraging of funds, and improved communications. To be considered a region, there must be at least three eligible entities working together in partnership.

Public Education and Promotion (PEP): Solid waste management districts are eligible for this annual, noncompetitive grant for basic public education and promotion projects to educate citizens, communities, and businesses about source reduction and recycling programs. PEP grants support the following areas: school education, public education and promotion, waste reduction in business, and household hazardous waste education.

Household Hazardous Waste Grants: This grant category funds projects involving the collection, recycling, or disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW) and conditionally exempt small quantity generator wastes (CESQG). Only permanent collection programs and public education projects are eligible. Permanent HHW/CESQG collection programs must include all of the following elements:

- accept HHW from the public within one week
- regularly scheduled drop-off hours
- public outreach and education component
- safe storage of collected HHW

IDEM Priority Projects: Projects featuring elements of the following priority topics will receive additional attention in the review process. They may also receive additional flexibility on match requirements.

- Pay as you throw programs in association with recycling opportunities
- New segregated curbside or drop-off recycling programs
- New curbside yardwaste programs
- Source reduction, reuse or buy recycled programs
- Problem wastes programs (appliances, C&D, electronics, etc.)
- School waste reduction projects
- School mercury/lead sweeps
- Media/public education with a call to action (regional or statewide)
- Education to reduce open burning or dumping
- Recyclable processing efficiencies